(c) whether market prices will be offered to farmers;

(d) what steps Government would take to ensure a safety net for farmers losing land due to Government acquisitions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No proposal on creating a Land Bank to buy and acquire land is under consideration of the Government cf India. Land being a State subject in the Constitution, its management falls within the administrative jurisdiction of the State Governments. The role of the Central Government in this regard is only advisory and coordinating. Each State acquires land for various purposes under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, which is also applicable for acquisition of land for industries.

(c) to (e) Suitable amendments to the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and revision of the National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Project Affected Families, 2003 is under active consideration of the Government.

**Inclusion of Theni under NREGA**

1192. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a proposal to include Theni under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) In accordance with Section 1(3) of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005, the Act shall be applicable to the whole of the territory, to which it extends within a period of five years from the date of its enactment. NREGA was enacted on 7th September, 2005 and thus, all the districts are to be covered by 7th September, 2010. Theni district of Tamil Nadu is, at present, not covered under the Act.

**Job cards under NREGA in Jharkhand**

1193. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many rural families are there in Jharkhand belonging to SC, ST and OBC, the details thereof, category-wise;

(b) how many of them have been issued job cards under NREGA; and

(c) how long will it take to issue job cards to the remaining families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The information is being collected from the State Government.

(b) A total of 2562586 households have been issued job card, out of which 486382 households belong to SC and 996903 households to ST and 1079301 to other category.

(c) NREGA is a demand driven programme and is not target based. Any local rural household who makes a written or oral application for registration to the Gram Panchayat is to be issued the job card by the Gram Panchayat after verification.

**Wage-material ratio of expenditure under NREGA**

1194. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise break up of the expenditure under NREGA in 2006-2007 in terms
of wage-material ratio; and

(b) the proportion of funds spent by Gram Panchayats, State-wise under the scheme in 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) A statement showing the State-wise requisite details is enclosed *(See* below).

(b) NREG Act, 2005 provides for at least fifty percent of the works, in terms of cost, to be implemented through Gram Panchayats.

***Statement***

*The State-wise breakup of expenditure under NREGA in 2006-07 in terms of wage-material ratio*

(in Rs Lakhs)

Cumulative Expenditure under NREGA in 2006-07

| Sl. No. | State | On Unskilled Wage | On Semi-skilled and skilled wage | On Material | Contigency | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 58422.46 | 146.48 | 1049.66 | 8401.72 | 68020.32 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 218.91 | 0 | 0 | 2.43 | 221.34 |
| 3 | Assam | 38369.19 | 3472.63 | 16529.93 | 881.18 | 59252.93 |
| 4 | Bihar | 41859.88 | 4381.53 | 24603.2 | 431.55 | 71276.16 |
| 5 | Gujarat | 5583.01 | 121.23 | 1134.72 | 1746.06 | 8585.03 |
| 6 | Haryana | 2329.77 | 84.36 | 1128.78 | **51.76** | 3594.67 |
| 7 | Himachal Pradesh | 2057.58 | 383.11 | 1475.65 | 23.77 | 3940.12 |
| 8 | Jammu and Kashmir | 2242.15 | 717.11 | 445.37 | 49.81 | 3454.44 |